

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2001

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Hartman.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Rev Schutte

The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGJ.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the November 27 meeting
2. Authorize the chair to sign the certification for the 2002 elections
3. Accept and place on file the office reports from the Juvenile Services from Hall and Howard County, County Clerk, County Court, Register of Deeds, Hall County Sheriff, Emergency Management, Public Defender, MidPlains Center Staff Secure and the County Attorney Statistical Report
4. Accept and Place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and Place on file communications as received

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2001

JUVENILE REFERRALS	33 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	2 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	234 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$870.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
NOVEMBER 2001

JUVENILE REFERRALS	3 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	22 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 500.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$1375.00

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
NOVEMBER 2001

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 5,104.53
RECORDING FEES	24,760.50
PHOTO FEES	565.50

HALL COUNTY CLERK
OFFICE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2001

TITLE FEES STATE	\$15,456.75
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,856.25
RECORDING FEES	\$ 190.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 375.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES	\$ 28.90
PLAT BOOKS	50.00
TOTAL	\$23,956.90

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
OCTOBER 2001

TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 15,016.99
COPIES	112.00
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	100.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,810.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
NOVEMBER 2001

FINES (CO.)	\$45,893.06
OVERLOAD FINES	2,175.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,014.50
WORK RELEASE FEES	2,132.87
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	21.00
FINES (CITY)	9,926.00
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	303.01
BOND FORFEITURES	1,980.70
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	.00
TOTAL	\$ 63,446.14

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

#4 JEFFRIES DISCUSSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE CLOSING – Jeffries stated that the board has taken earlier action to close the building on Christmas Eve at 12:00 P.m. but in the spirit of season and since it is only for 3 ½ hours he would like to close for the entire day. Employees will be able to travel safely. Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to close the buildings all day on Christmas Eve day. President Bush has closed all federal buildings and the State of Nebraska will also close. Eriksen stated that board had already discussed this and he said the employees could use vacation if they wanted to have additional time off. Lancaster stated that Buffalo, Adams and Howard Counties would be closed. Arnold, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and Eriksen voted no. Motion carried.

2 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD FOR THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz requested that the county board appoint a board member to serve on the committee for the computer aided dispatch. He stated that they will have a meeting at 1:30 p.m. today. Chairman Hartman appointed Bob Humiston to serve on this committee.

6 DISCUSS SETTING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS – Hartman stated that he put this item on the agenda because the salaries will need to be set for the 2003 term. He provided the board members with information on NACO salary recommendation and what the cost would be for the county. He expressed concern on the salary that was set for the board members and stated that this would need to be addressed. The county attorney and county sheriff salaries need to be addressed because they have been shorted the last two times.

Jeffries questioned why the county assessor receives more than the county clerk and county treasurer. Discussion was held on the percentage increase of 3.2% for the cost of living and the minimum salary amount. Arnold pointed out the Hall County is not a metropolitan city but it is the largest city in the array. Logan asked questions on the information on the spreadsheet and Stacey Ruzicka clarified the information. The NACO survey was unclear on the salaries for the County Attorney and the County Sheriff. Lancaster stated that even if Hall County follows the NACO recommendation we need to know what the other counties are going to do with their salaries. Hartman suggested that maybe because Hall County is larger than the other counties we should be higher than the recommended minimum base salary. Lancaster expressed concern where the dollars are going to come from if these increases are made. Hartman stated that the members should also look at the valuations of the counties in our array. Hall County's valuation is much higher. Discussion was held on the surveyor/county engineer. Because the population of Hall County is over 50,000, the county must have an engineer for the public works director position or for the deputy director. This change is mandated by State Statute. Hartman stated that the board members need to study the County Attorney and County Sheriff salaries. Hall County is behind on these two positions and the board needs to take a serious look at them. Logan questioned the percentage cost of living increases and stated he does not like to use that method and would rather use a flat dollar amount increase. The deputy salaries are set at 78% of the elected official's salaries and discussion was held on the percentage that their salaries should be set at. Hartman questioned if the board members had any input of their own salaries. Arnold stated that some of the board members must leave their full time jobs to attend all of the meetings and he thinks it is only fair that the board receive reasonable compensation. He also stated that Hall County has a board assistant that helps the board members with research, so that needs to be taken into consideration. Lancaster stated that she would

not support the supervisors salary increase but would only consider a cost of living increase. The board members stated that they needed more time to study the issue. Discussion was held on setting a work-study session to discuss this further. A work-study session will be held Monday December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

7 APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN DOCUMENTS FOR STAFF SECURE GRANT – Mick Klien and Todd Wilson with Mid-Plains were present and requested to address the board on the staff secure grant. Mid Plains has a juvenile justice grant for the staff secure facility that is due December 14. This will be a \$101,250.00 grant and Mid-Plains will match the grant with \$56,000.00. Mid-Plains Staff Secure is a holdover facility for juveniles. The staff secure facility conducts evaluations and makes recommendations for the juveniles. Mr. Klien is requesting a letter of support from Hall County. He is recommending that Mid-Plains should be the fiscal officer for accounting purposes. Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to authorize the chair to sign a letter of support for the grant application. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON CITY'S REQUEST TO DEPOSIT SNOW AT LUZENAC SITE – Logan stated that the county had been contracted by the city of Grand Island requesting to continue to dump snow on the Luzenac property. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the city's request to dump the snow Hall County's property. Jeffries stated that the building and grounds committee met to discuss this and discussion was held on the possibility of trading services. Lancaster questioned if this agreement would be on a year to year basis. It was decided that this would not be set for a specific time because the county may not want to commit for a full year. Arnold Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the city addressing this issue.

15 JAN PELLAND COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST FOR FUNDING FR APPRAISAL PROJECTS – Jan Pelland County Assessor presented the board members with a list of the projects that she requested additional funding for at budget time. The board set the funds aside and she is requesting the release of those funds. In her existing budget she could pay for the following:

- #4 ArcView Software to update the assessor's computers
- #5 complete the ag land review with the sales in current database
- #6 this is the contracted service to value all new commercial construction
- #7 review rural homes

These projects need to be completed this year and she would like to be able to do some of the other projects to fully utilize the computer system. She explained the purpose of projects 1 and 2. Project #3 is to purchase new record cards for her filing system and this is only an estimate. She has been setting money aside for the purchase of the filing system. The state property tax administrator has audited her and they are requesting specific information on the cards so this is an estimate on the price of the new cards. This project would not be completed for a year. Projects #5 and #6 are done every year. Projects #8 to review out buildings on farm parcels that have houses and #9 to review farm parcels with outbuildings only if completed at the same time would be more cost efficient. These projects are all time sensitive and need to be started as soon as possible. She reviewed the costs of the projects. Logan stated that he would like to release the funds and let Jan decide what projects to complete. Jeffries made a motion

to approve funding in the amount of \$39,345.00. No second was received motion failed. Discussion was held on the appraisal firm that was hired.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer this matter to committee and to address it again on December 18.

Pelland stated that at this time the statistics show her at 72% for commercial, 90% for residential so she does not meet the required percentage. Discussion was held on the proposed legislation and Pelland stated she would give a presentation to the county board if they would like the information.

Pelland stated that in the five-year plan she would like to review all rural homes if she does this she would notify the property owners that she that she would be doing the inspections within a certain time frame. This is one of the projects she would like to do.

Discussion was held on the property that was sold at CAAP. The interest rate is so low so people are buying land and Pelland stated that she might need to look at market area for CAAP. She stated that the land is valued higher than the sales that have occurred. She questioned if the sales were all final and Hartman said he heard that they were.

The vote was taken to refer this matter to committee and come back December 18, 2001, for further discussion. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PARTICIPATION IN NEBRASKA USED OIL COLLECTION PROGRAM – Eriksen stated that Nebraska Beautiful was organized a year ago in Southeast Nebraska and they are working on setting up two new areas. They want to proceed because this is a good program. They now need to find a site for the collection and provide staff. All of the equipment will be provided for through the grant money. Eriksen stated that they would like to have Hall County be the lead agency. Hartman stated that the rural area does not need this service because it is already provided. It was discussed if this is necessary. This will be reviewed and placed on the December 18 agenda.

10 DISCUSS LIGHT DISPLAY AT HALL COUNTY PARK – Jeffries stated that he was contacted by Lauri Schultis with the Crisis Center concerning organizing a Christmas lighting display at the Hall County Park to raise funds for the different agencies. They could have different business sponsor the displays and charge a fee to drive through the park, then use the funds for the various agencies. There would need to be more electricity set up and they would need to have people at the park to cover the hours that it was open. Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to develop plans for the light display at Hall County Park. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SITE LOCATION AGREEMENT FOR ATM The building and grounds committee received bids for the placement of the ATM machine in the Administration Building and they received one bid from Home Federal. The machine would be installed in the building and there would be no charges to the county. Doris Mason, Chuck Kaufman and Orv Qualset from Home Federal met and recommended to accept this bid. Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the bid from

Home Federal. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

12 DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR a HARTFORD LIFE DEFERRED COMPENSATION b NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN County Clerk Marla Conley stated that because of changes in federal regulation regarding the deferred compensation plans it will be necessary to approve the resolutions to change Hall County's plan documents. The resolutions that have been prepared will make the necessary changes. Nationwide Retirement System changed the plan document in order to comply and Hartford used the resolution to amend the plan document. Eriksen requested to change the name on the one resolution. Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #01-0077 for Nationwide Retirement Deferred Compensation and Resolution #01-0078 for Hartford Life Deferred Compensation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #01-_0077____
AMENDMENT TO
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS DEFERRED COMPENSATION
PLAN

WHEREAS, **Hall** County (hereinafter "Employer") heretofore has an established deferred compensation plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions and:

Whereas, according to the NACO Restated Deferred Compensation Plan Document Pursuant to Enactment of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001and;

WHEREAS, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc., has prepared a revised plan document effective January 1, 2002 to comply with the act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Hall County approve and adopt the amended Nationwide Retirement Solutions Deferred Compensation Plan documents.

Approved and adopted this _____ day of December, 2001.

Resolution moved by Supervisor _____

Seconded by Supervisor _____

VOTE:

Scott Arnold	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Jim Eriksen	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Richard Hartman	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Bob Humiston	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
William P. Jeffries	For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.

Pamela Lancaster For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.
Lonnie Logan For____; Against____; Abstained____; Not Present____.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Richard Hartman, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka reminded the board members of several meetings, the computer meeting December 12, the work-study session on Monday at 7:00 p.m., the regular board meeting December 18 and the retirement party for Tom Jamison. Chairman Hartman requested that Stacey check with other counties on the elected official's salaries.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Logan – He attended the work-study on the presentation on the jail and an ADA meeting.

Jeffries – He stated his meetings had been reported on.

Lancaster – She attended the Convention Visitors Bureau volunteer luncheon, Midland Area Agency on Aging and everything is going well. She attended member's night at Stuhr Museum and stated that there will be a brief audit committee meeting after the board meeting.

Arnold – He stated he has been out of town working on a new computer system. He attended the work-study session and the meeting at Stuhr Museum.

Humiston – He attended the ADA meeting, the corrections work-study session, weed board meeting and he attended the Family Violence Coalition meeting. He will also have a meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the new committee he was appointed to.

Eriksen – He attended the used oil collection meeting and the extension office meeting.

Hartman – He stated most of his meetings have been reported on and he will be attending a meeting on the comprehensive development plan to work on the update.

Chairman Hartman called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be December 18, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.

